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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEVADA

LARRY J. GLANTZ,

Plaintiff,

CV-S-03-1212-HDM-LRL

vs.

NCO FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC., a foreign corporation,

Defendant.

SIX PERSON JURY DEMANDED

#### COMPLAINT

# JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of this Court attains pursuant to the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), 28 U.S.C. § 1331, 28 U.S.C. § 1332, and the doctrine of supplemental jurisdiction. Venue lies in the Southern Division of the Judicial District of Nevada as Plaintiff's claims arose from acts of the Defendant(s) perpetrated therein.

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This action is instituted in accordance with and to 2. remedy Defendant's violations of the Federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C § 1692 et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA"), and of related state law obligations brought as supplemental claims hereto.

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3. In 2003, Defendant initiated a campaign of abusive, unfair, unreasonable, and unlawful debt collection activity directed against Plaintiff in Las Vegas, Nevada.

4. As a result of these and other violations of law, Plaintiff seeks hereby to recover actual and statutory damages together with reasonable attorney's fees and costs.

#### PARTIES

- 5. Plaintiff, Larry J. Glantz, is a natural person who resides in Las Vegas, Nevada, and is a "consumer" as defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 1692a(3) and allegedly owes a "debt" as defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 1692a(5).
- 6. Defendant, NCO Financial Systems, Inc., is a foreign corporation, the principal purpose of whose business is the collection of debts, operating a debt collection agency from its principal place of business in Horsham, PA, and regularly collects or attempts to collect debts owed or due or asserted to be owed or due another, and is a "debt collector" as defined by 15 U.S.C. Section 1692a(6).

## FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 7. Plaintiff(s) repeat, reallege and assert all factual allegations contained in the preliminary statement to this Complaint and reassert them as incorporated in full herein.
- 8. During 2002, Plaintiff and his 2 small children were involved in a terrible car accident.
- 9. Plaintiff was primarily represented by the law firm of Mainor Harris, a preeminent Las Vegas personal injury firm.

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- Plaintiff and his family received substantial medical 10. care.
- Plaintiff's medical bills were provided to Mainor Harris. Medical liens were assigned.
- Plaintiff was informed his family's medical bills would be satisfied upon settlement of the personal injury claims.
  - The claims were settled during June, 2003. 13.
- At approximately the same time, Plaintiff was contacted by Defendant's representative seeking payment of a \$61.00 medical bill.
  - Plaintiff was of the belief that this bill had been paid.
- Plaintiff then informed Defendant that the bill would be 16. paid if it were indeed unsatisfied.
- Plaintiff then advised Defendant that he was represented by Mitchell D. Gliner, Esq.
- Plaintiff advised Defendant not to again contact him and to direct all further communications to Mr. Gliner.
- Curiously, this same \$61.00 medical debt has also been assigned to another debt collector, OSI. Defendant has reported its collection account on Plaintiff's credit profiles.
- Defendant has continued to call Plaintiff demanding payment in violation of FDCPA §§ 1692c, 1692c(a)(2) and 1692d.
- The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant were undertaken by it willfully, maliciously, and intentionally, knowingly, and/or in gross or reckless disregard of the rights of Plaintiff.

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- 22. Indeed, the foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant were undertaken by it indiscriminately and persistently, as part of its regular and routine debt collection efforts, and without regard to or consideration of the identity or rights of Plaintiff.
- 23. As a proximate result of the foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant, Plaintiff has suffered actual damages and injury, including, but not limited to, stress, humiliation, mental anguish and suffering, and emotional distress, for which Plaintiff should be compensated in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 24. As a result of the foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant, and in order to punish Defendant for its outrageous and malicious conduct, as well as to deter it from committing similar acts in the future as part of its debt collection efforts, Plaintiff is entitled to recover punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.

### CAUSES OF ACTION

### COUNT I

- 25. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute violations of the FDCPA, including, but not limited to, Sections 1692c, 1692d and 1692e.
- 26. Plaintiff is entitled to recover statutory damages, actual damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and costs.

### COUNT II

27. The foregoing acts and omissions constitute unreasonable debt collection practices in violation of the doctrine of Invasion of Privacy. Kuhn v. Account Control Technology, Inc., 865 F. Supp.

	1	1443, 1448-49 (D. Nev. 1994); Pittman v. J. J. Mac Intyre Co. of
	2	Nevada, Inc., 969 F. Supp. 609, 613-14 (D. of Nev. 1997).
	3	28. Plaintiff is entitled to recover actual damages as well
	4	as punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial.
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	6	JURY DEMANDED
	7	Plaintiff hereby demands trial by a six-person jury on all
	8	issues so triable.
	9	WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court grant the
	10	following relief:
	11	1. Award actual damages.
	12	2. Award punitive damages.
LAW OFFICES	_13	3. Award statutory damages of \$1,000 pursuant to 15 U.S.C.
MITCHELL D. GLIN: 3017 W. Charleston Blv Suite 95 Las Vegas, Nevada 891	<sup>d.</sup> 14	§ 1692k.
(702) 870-8700	15	4. Award reasonable attorney fees.
	16	5. Award costs.
	17	6. Grant such other and further relief as it deems just and
	18	proper.
	19	Respect fully submitted,
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